Unit 1 Title: Lifelong learning and Goal Setting

**Lesson Title:** Revisiting the *Personal Plan of Study:* Grade Level: 10

Using the Occupational Trial Plan

**Lesson:** 2 of 5

**Length of Lesson:** 55 to 70 minutes

#### Missouri Comprehensive School Counseling Big Ideas:

CD.7: Applying Career Exploration and Planning Skills in the Achievement of Life Career Goals.

CD.8: Knowing Where And How To Obtain Information About The World Of Work And Post-Secondary Training/Education.

#### **Grade Level Expectations (GLEs):**

CD.7.A.10: Revisit current career and educational plan as it relates to evolving and/or new interests, strengths and limitations.

CD.8.B.10: Apply knowledge of self to make informed decisions about post-secondary options.

#### American School Counselor Association (ASCA) Mindsets and Behaviors:

Career Development

#### Materials (include activity sheets and/ or supporting resources)

Activity Sheet Occupational Trial Plan (copy for each student)

Counselor-completed Occupational Trial Plan to serve as an example for students' plans (make several copies)

Source: The Occupational Trial Plan is adapted from the *Missouri Career Education: Senior High-Exemplary Activities Handbook*, (Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, 1980)

Students' *Personal Plan of Study* (initiated in 8<sup>th</sup> grade and reviewed/revised/refined in subsequent years)

#### **Show Me Standards: Performance Goals (check one or more that apply)**

	Goal 1: Gather, analyze and apply information and ideas
X	10. Apply acquired information, ideas and skills to different contexts as students,
	workers, citizens and consumers
	Goal 2: Communicate effectively within and beyond the classroom
	2. Review and revise communications to improve accuracy and clarity
X	3. Exchange information, questions and ideas while recognizing the perspectives of
	others
	7. Use technological tools to exchange information and ideas

## Goal 3: Recognize and solve problems

- 4. Evaluate the processes used in recognizing and solving problems
- 6. Examine problems and proposed solutions from multiple perspectives
- 7. Evaluate the extent to which a strategy addresses the problem
- 8. Assess costs, benefits and other consequences of proposed solutions

Goal 4: Make decisions and act as responsible members of society

- 1. Explain reasoning and identify information used to support decisions
- X 4. Recognize and practice honesty and integrity in academic work and in the workplace
  - 5. Develop, monitor and revise plans of action to meet deadlines and accomplish goals
  - 8. Explore, prepare for and seek educational and job opportunities

## This lesson supports the development of skills in the following academic content areas. Academic Content Area(s) Specific Skill(s)

X	Communication Arts	6. Participating in formal and informal presentations and discussions of issues and ideas
	Mathematics	
	Social Studies	
	Science	
	Health/Physical Education	
	Fine Arts	

#### **Enduring Life Skill(s)**

X

X	Perseverance	X	Integrity	X	Problem Solving
X	Courage		Compassion		Tolerance
X	Respect	X	Goal Setting		

#### **Lesson Measurable Learning Objectives:**

The student will review and revise his/her Personal Plans of Study, noting changes in career interests and goals since last review was conducted.

The student will identify at least two personal, educational and/or training requirements needed for his/her career choice.

#### **Lesson Formative Assessment (acceptable evidence):**

Assessment should relate to the performance outcome for goals, objectives and GLEs. Assessment can be question answer, performance activity, etc.

Students will identify job requirements/expectations of their personal career choices and compare these with their own personal preferences via completion of the Occupational Trial Plan and their individual *Personal Plan of Study*.

#### **Lesson Preparation**

#### **Essential Ouestions:**

I've changed my mind about my career plans three (3) times in the past month! I'm exploring the occupations as I consider them. How in the world can I ever keep track of everything I discover about the occupations and me?

What does the Occupational Trial Plan have to do with my career choice?

#### **Engagement (Hook):**

So much to do! So little time!! Counselor explains his or her completed Occupational Trial Plan (make several copies to pass around for students to see)

#### **Procedures**

#### **Instructor Procedures/Instructional Strategies:**

- 1. Counselor: Complete your personalized Occupational Trial Plan and make several copies of it prior to class. Explain the processes you used as you responded to each question. Encourage students to look at your plan as they complete their own. Distribute blank Occupational Trial Plan Activity Sheets to students.
- Monitor and encourage students' completion of their Occupational Trial Plans.
- 3. Divide class into pairs to explain and clarify completed plans.
- 4. Review with students their new findings and any new career decisions about their proposed careers that they have made or are considering. This may be done as a classroom guidance lesson or as a part of the Individual Planning strategies.
- 5. After you have had an opportunity to review their plans, return *Personal Plans of Study* to students for inclusion in their "Important Papers" storage system (If your district has not adopted a plan/procedure for students to use to save "Important Papers", encourage students to develop their own).

#### **Student Involvement/Instructional Activities:**

1. Following presentation of the counselor's Occupational Trial Plan, students will create their own plans.

- 2. Students ask clarifying questions as they respond to the questions
- 3. Students will explain and clarify their responses as they share their plans with a peer. During discussions with peerpartner, students will discuss/explain areas of certainty and areas of uncertainty.
- 4. Prior to counselor-review of students' Occupational Trial Plans, develop questions to be discussed with counselor.
- 5. Students will lead the review of their Occupational Trial Plans by proposing questions and supporting choices as counselor helps students explore broader possibilities (if necessary). Students will store Occupational Trial Planner

Teacher Follow-Up Activities
Work with classroom teacher(s) to develop a unit or lesson, which includes student research
about unique job opportunities and their characteristics.
Counselor reflection notes (completed after the lesson)

### The Occupational Trial Plan

The Occupational Trial Plan will help you organize your discoveries about the world of work and you! During the next few years you will be making choices that will influence your life satisfaction, success, and stability. Complete this plan thoughtfully and you'll be better prepared than many to make the hard decisions that lie ahead of you!

(A reminder: You are to respond to the items from your own point of view ... your responses may be different from those of your friends.)

# PART I: ALL THINGS CONSIDERED Check ( ) when task/activity has been completed

Underline one in each box

( ) 1. I have considered the mental abilities and aptitudes needed for this occupation (such as scholastic ability,	I can meet them		
clerical, mathematical, verbal, science or mechanical aptitude).	I cannot meet them		
Springer,	Not sure		
( ) 2. I have considered the preparation needed for this	I can meet them		
occupation (length of training, courses required, nature of			
education or training, aptitude, strength and interest).	I cannot meet them		
	Not sure		
( ) 3. I have considered my interests and personality needs	My interests and		
(interest in ideas, people or things, and outdoor, artistic,	personality needs are in the		
investigative or mechanical personality inclinations).	following areas:		
investigative of incentancial personality incintations).	Tollowing areas.		
( ) 4 The physical requirements, the physical surroundings and	They appear to be: Satisfactory		
working conditions of this occupation have been investigated.			
mvostigatod.	Unsatisfactory		
( ) 5. I have carefully considered the advantages and	Yes No		
disadvantages of this occupation. The advantages	- 1.5		
outweigh the disadvantages.			
( ) 6. I can tolerate the disadvantages.	Yes No		
( ) 7. I have investigated the job outlook in this occupation for	The outlook is:		
the next 10 years.	Excellent Good		
	Fair Poor		
( ) 8. The activities of this occupation seem to be in harmony	Yes No		
with my value system and life style.			
( ) 9. I have investigated the probable geographic area in which			
employment will be available in this occupation.	willing to leave my		
	home town area.		

### PART II: MORE "THINGS" TO CONSIDER

1.	Most workers in this occupation are found in (circle all that apply):				
	Cities	Rural Ar	reas	All Areas	
	Offices	Manufac	turing Plants	Other	
2.	Possibilities for	promotion are:	good	fair poor	·.
3.	. The earnings I can make in this occupation are:satisfactory unsatisfactory for me and the lifestyle I want to live.				
4.	I have ha	ve not discus	sed my plans wit	th someone in this o	ccupation.
5.	occupation.  a b c d			are needed) to prepare	
6.	I have have for this occupat		the financial req	uirements of post-se	condary preparation
7.	I will either meet these financial requirements with my own resources or I will:  (Check all that apply)  Apply for financial aid  Apply for scholarships  Apply for a student loan from the institution I plan to attend  Find a job				
8.	I plan to seek further occupational preparation at one of these institutions:				
	Name of Ins	stitution	Address		Area of Study
	a				
	b				

c.		

## PART III: ALL THINGS (AND MORE) CONSIDERED: PRIORITIES FOR THE FUTURE

Sig	gnature	Date
4.	I will have a sense of stability in my work and non-work life if I	
3.	Satisfaction during my non-working time, means I	
2.	It will be important that my work is located	
1.	I have discovered that I will be happiest and most successful AT WOI	RK if I